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**35699-010702**



***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION***

***JANUARY 7, 2002  
12:15 P.M.***

***CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER***

***AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL***

- 1. Call to Order--Roll Call. (Council Member Harris was absent.)**

City Manager briefing with regard to voluntary water conservation. (15 minutes)

**Council Member Wyatt requested responses to the following questions:**

- 1. What will be the overall cost to upgrade the City's water system, and what will be the impact on the average daily water customer?**
- 2. If a water authority is established, what overall costs will be passed on to the City relative to the Spring Hollow Reservoir? How much will the average City water bill increase?**

3. **In the interim, using the City's current water system, what will be the cost to the City to purchase water? What will be the rate/billing impact on the average daily City water customer?**
4. **If a water authority is established, how will the cost for the Spring Hollow Reservoir be addressed? Will a portion of the costs to upgrade the City's water system be included in the budget of the water authority, or will the water authority fund improvements? What will be the overall cost to the City and to the average City water customer?**
5. **What will be the cost to establish and maintain a water authority? Will there be cost savings? Will there be fewer personnel if the two water systems are combined, or will there be another level of bureaucracy to be funded?**
6. **If a water authority is established, what will be the status of the long term contract with Roanoke County for purchase of water?**
7. **Why were wells drilled in certain areas where it was anticipated that potential problems could exist?**

**The Mayor requested information on water levels at Carvins Cove Reservoir and Spring Hollow Reservoir. He also requested information on all significant potential water sources for the Roanoke Valley.**

**File #468**

A communication from the Honorable Ralph K. Smith, Mayor, requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**(Approved 6-0)**

**File #110-132**

A communication from Council Member C. Nelson Harris, Chair, City Council Personnel Committee, requesting a Closed Meeting to discuss the performance of three Council-Appointed Officers, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**(Approved 6-0)**

**File #110-132**

**THE MEETING OF ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL WAS DECLARED  
IN RECESS AT 1:20 P.M. TO BE RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M., IN  
THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER.**



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***AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL***

- 1. Call to Order--Roll Call. (Council Member Harris was absent.)**

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend Pamela P. Crump, Director of Christian Education, High Street Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Ralph K. Smith.

Welcome. Mayor Smith.

**NOTICE:**

Meetings of Roanoke City Council are televised live on RVTv Channel 3. Today's meeting will be replayed on Channel 3 on Wednesday, January 9, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, January 13, 2002, at 4:00 p.m. Council meetings are now being offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 456, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., OR CALL 853-2541.**

**THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE NOW PROVIDES THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA PACKAGE ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. TO ACCESS AGENDA MATERIAL, GO TO THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT [WWW.ROANOKEGOV.COM](http://WWW.ROANOKEGOV.COM), CLICK ON THE ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL ICON, CLICK ON MEETINGS AND AGENDAS, AND DOWNLOAD THE ADOBE ACROBAT SOFTWARE TO ACCESS THE AGENDA.**

**ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT WHO IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH, HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.**

**ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541 TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION.**

**2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:**  
**NONE.**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**(APPROVED 6-0)**

**ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.**

- C-1 Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Monday, November 5, 2001.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispense with the reading thereof and approve as recorded.

- C-2 A communication from the City Manager recommending that a public hearing be advertised for Tuesday, January 22, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in connection with the Roanoke River Flood Reduction Project – subdivision and conveyance of property rights.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in request.  
**File #2-166-237**

- C-3 A communication from the City Manager recommending that a public hearing be advertised for Tuesday, January 22, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in connection with a request of the Times-World Corporation for the lease of air rights over Second Street, S. W.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in request.  
**File #227-373-481**

- C-4           A communication from the City Manager recommending that a public hearing be advertised for Tuesday, January 22, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in connection with an extension of a lease agreement with the General Services Administration of the Federal Government for space within the Commonwealth Building.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concur in request.

**File #32-373**

- C-5           A communication from Sergeant C. A. Karr tendering his resignation as a member of the Towing Advisory Board, effective September 18, 2001.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file communication and accept resignation.

**File #20-110-530**

- C-6           Qualification of the following persons:

James Schlueter as a member of the Architectural Review Board for a term ending October 1, 2005;

Robert Humphreys as a member of the Roanoke Arts Commission for a term ending June 30, 2004; and

Cheri W. Hartman as a member of the Advisory Board of Human Development for a term ending November 30, 2005.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

**File #15-72-110-230-249**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.**

### **5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.**

## 6. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS:

### a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

### ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. A communication with regard to competitive negotiation for a ticketing services agreement at City Civic Facilities.

**Adopted Resolution No. 35699-010702. (6-0)**  
**File #192**

**The Mayor requested a list of potential vendors.**

2. A communication recommending appropriation of \$100,000.00 in connection with a grant agreement with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for derelict structures funds.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35700-010702. (6-0)**  
**File #60-165-236**

3. A communication recommending appropriation of \$75,000.00 in connection with master planning and urban design services for miscellaneous projects to be determined by the City.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35701-010702. (6-0)**

**For discussion during fiscal year 2002-03 budget study, Council Member Wyatt requested a report on the number of consultants presently under contract by the City, the dollar amount of each contract, and what percentage of the City's budget is devoted to consulting fees.**

**File #60-200-405**

b. **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:**

1. Financial report for the month of November 2001.

**Received and filed.**

**File #1-10**

2. A report with regard to a revision to the City of Roanoke Pension Plan: Employees Supplemental Retirement System - optional spousal allowance.

**Adopted Ordinance No. 35702-010702. (6-0)**

**File #184-429**

3. A report with regard to transfer of General Fund Balance Reserve for self-insured liabilities.

**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 35703-010702. (6-0)**

**File #58-60**

4. A report with regard to execution of an amendment to the lease agreement with Suntrust Leasing Corporation for acquisition and installation of certain equipment by the City.

**Adopted Resolution No. 35704-010702. (5-0, Council Member White was out of the Council Chamber when the vote was recorded.)**

**File #373-472**

## **7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

- a. A report of the Architectural Review Board recommending endorsement of architectural review guidelines, as amended, for the H-1 and H-2 Districts. Robert B. Manetta, Chair.

**Adopted Resolution No. 35705-010702. (6-0)**

**File #110-249**

## **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.**

## **9. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. A resolution electing and appointing Jesse A. Hall as Director of Finance for the City of Roanoke, effective at midnight on January 31, 2002, and ratifying certain terms and conditions of employment.

**Adopted Resolution No. 35706-010702. (6-0)  
File #1**

- b. A resolution appointing Charles A. Hunter, III, as a Director of the Industrial Development Authority of the City of Roanoke for a term ending October 20, 2004.

**Adopted Resolution No. 35707-010702. (6-0)  
File #110-207**

## **10. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Members of City Council.

**Council Member Wyatt commended Roanoke City Police Officers on their patriotic conduct during the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at Roanoke Express Hockey games at the Roanoke Civic Center.  
File #5-80**

- b. Vacancies on various authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

## **11. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:**

**The City Manager commended City staff on the condition of City streets which were well maintained during and following the snow/ice occasion on Sunday, January 6, 2002.**

**She requested that citizens be mindful of the fact that when a City holiday occurs on a Monday, refuse collection could be delayed by as much as one to two days in the same week. She called attention to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, which will be observed by City employees on Monday, January 21; therefore, refuse collection will be delayed by at least one day during the week of January 21.**

**File #144-183-184**

## **12. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:**

**CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. MATTERS REQUIRING REFERRAL TO THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE REFERRED IMMEDIATELY FOR ANY NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL.**

**Ms. Helen E. Davis, 35 Patton Avenue, N. E., referred to Council's Rules of Procedure which require that there be no cheering, jeering, or applauding, except during ceremonial matters, during the Council proceedings. She inquired if the rule is applied uniformly to all citizens, regardless of race. She expressed appreciation to Council Member Bestpitch for meeting with residents of Lincoln Terrace to hear their concerns, specifically with regard to screen doors on housing units. She expressed concern with regard to the closing/proposed closing of certain fire stations in the City. Specifically, she stated that Fire Station No. 12 is closed, while the Clearbrook Fire Station in Roanoke County is operational, and many citizens believe that the City of Roanoke should take care of its citizens before venturing into Roanoke County. She requested that Council give further study to the closing/proposed closing of certain City fire stations.**

**File #70-132-178**

**The meeting was declared in recess for two closed sessions.**

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION (6-0).**

**Vickie F. Briggs was reappointed as a member of the League of Older Americans Advisory Board for a term ending February 28, 2003.**

**File #110-243**

**Carol D. Wright was appointed as a member of the Fifth Planning District Disability Services Board for a term ending January 31, 2005.  
File #72-110-326**

**Mayor Ralph K. Smith was appointed as a member of the Hotel Roanoke Conference Center Commission, to fill the unexpired term of James D. Grisso, commencing January 31, 2002, and ending April 12, 2004.  
File #15-110-247**

**The following persons were appointed as members of an ad hoc committee to study the design, role and responsibilities of the Roanoke Neighborhood Partnership Steering Committee:**

**Vice-Mayor William H. Carder**

**Council Member William D. Bestpitch**

**Rolanda A. Johnson, Assistant City Manager for Community Development**

**Stephen S. Niamke, Roanoke Neighborhood Partnership Coordinator**

**Carl D. Cooper, Chair, Roanoke Neighborhood Partnership Steering Committee**

**Robin Murphy-Kelso, Member, Roanoke Neighborhood Partnership Steering Committee**

**Paula L. Prince, Member, Roanoke Neighborhood Partnership Steering Committee**

**File #110-488**

**The Council meeting was declared in recess at 4:05 p.m., to be reconvened on Thursday, January 10, 2002, at 12:00 noon at the Salem Civic Center, Parlor C, 1001 Roanoke Boulevard, Salem Virginia, for the Roanoke Valley Leadership Summit Luncheon, to be hosted by the City of Salem.**